

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Cause No. 1:17-cr-0240-SEB-DML
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PRESTON DUVALL GITTINGS,)	- 01
)	
Defendant.)	

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION

On October 20, 2020, the Court held a hearing on the Petition for Warrant or Summons for Offender Under Supervision filed on September 25, 2020. Defendant Gittings appeared in person with his appointed counsel Michael Donahoe. The government appeared by Will McCoskey, Assistant United States Attorney. U. S. Parole and Probation appeared by Officer Brent Witter.

The Court conducted the following procedures in accordance with Fed. R. Crim. P. 32.1(a)(1) and 18 U.S.C. § 3583:

1. The Court advised Defendant Gittings of his rights and provided him with a copy of the petition. Defendant Gittings orally waived his right to a preliminary hearing.
2. After being placed under oath, Defendant Gittings admitted violation number 3. [Docket No. 63.] Government orally moved to withdraw the remaining violations, without prejudice, which motion was granted by the Court.
3. The allegation to which Defendant admitted, as fully set forth in the petition, are:

**Violation
Number**

Nature of Noncompliance

- 3 **“You shall participate in substance abuse or alcohol treatment program approved by the probation officer and abide by the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer shall supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.). The court authorizes the release of the presentence report and available evaluations to the treatment provider, as approved by the probation officer.”**

Mr. Gittings failed to report for scheduled substance abuse counseling services by canceling a session scheduled for September 14, 2020, and failing to report on September 16, 2020.

4. The parties stipulated that:
- (a) The highest grade of violation is a Grade C violation.
 - (b) Defendant’s criminal history category is VI.
 - (c) The range of imprisonment applicable upon revocation of supervised release, therefore, is 8 to 14 months’ imprisonment.

5. The parties jointly recommended a modification to include residing at a Residential Reentry Center (Volunteers of America) for ninety (90) days and no use or possession of alcohol.

The Magistrate Judge, having considered the factors in 18 U.S.C. § 3553(a), and as more fully set forth on the record, finds that the Defendant violated the conditions in the petition, that his supervised release should be modified as follows:

1. You shall report to the probation office in the judicial district to which you are released within 72 hours of release from the custody of the Bureau of Prisons. Justification: This condition is an administrative requirement of supervision.
2. You shall report to the probation officer in a manner and frequency directed by the court or probation officer. Justification: This condition is an administrative requirement of supervision.

3. You shall permit a probation officer to visit you at a reasonable time at home, or another place where the officer may legitimately enter by right or consent, and shall permit confiscation of any contraband observed in plain view of the probation officer. Justification: This condition will assist the probation officer in monitoring the offender for protection of the community.
4. You shall not knowingly leave the judicial district without the permission of the court or probation officer. Justification: This condition is an administrative requirement of supervision.
5. You shall answer truthfully the inquiries by the probation officer, subject to your 5th Amendment privilege. Justification: This condition is an administrative requirement of supervision.
6. You shall not meet, communicate, or otherwise interact with a person you know to be engaged, or planning to be engaged, in criminal activity. You shall report any contact with persons you know to be convicted felons to your probation officer within 72 hours of the contact. Justification: This condition is aimed at reducing the risk of recidivism and for protection of the community.
7. You shall reside at a location approved by the probation officer and shall notify the probation officer at least 72 hours prior to any planned change in place or circumstances of residence or employment (including, but not limited to, changes in who lives there, job positions, job responsibilities). When prior notification is not possible, you shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of the change. Justification: This condition will assist the probation officer in monitoring the offender for protection of the community.
8. You shall not own, possess, or have access to a firearm, ammunition, destructive device or dangerous weapon. Justification: This condition will assist the probation in monitoring the offender for protection of the community and is a requirement pursuant to federal law.
9. You shall notify the probation officer within 72 hours of being arrested, charged, or questioned by a law enforcement officer. Justification: This condition is an administrative requirement of supervision.
10. You shall maintain lawful full time employment, unless excused by the probation officer for schooling, vocational training, or other reasons that prevent lawful employment. Justification: This condition will ensure the offender maintains gainful employment and aid in reducing recidivism.
11. You shall not enter into any agreement to act as an informer or a special agent of a law enforcement agency without the permission of the court. Justification: This condition is aimed at reducing recidivism and to monitor the offender for protection of the community.

12. As directed by the probation officer, you shall notify third parties who may be impacted by the nature of the conduct underlying your current or prior offense(s) of conviction and/or shall permit the probation officer to make such notifications and/or confirm your compliance with this requirement. Justification: This condition is aimed at reducing recidivism and for protection of the community.
13. You shall make a good faith effort to follow instructions of the probation officer necessary to ensure compliance with the conditions of supervision. Justification: This condition is aimed at reducing the risk of recidivism and for protection of the community.
14. You shall pay the costs associated with the following imposed conditions of supervised release, to the extent you are financially able to pay. The probation officer shall determine your ability to pay and any schedule of payment for the following conditions: substance abuse treatment, substance abuse testing, and mental health treatment. Justification: This condition will make the offender invest in their sobriety and rehabilitation.
15. You shall submit to substance abuse testing to determine if you have used a prohibited substance or to determine compliance with substance abuse treatment. Testing may include no more than 8 drug tests per month. You shall not attempt to obstruct or tamper with the testing methods. Justification: This condition will assist in ensuring the offender is compliant with a drug-free lifestyle.
16. You shall participate in a mental health treatment program, as approved by the probation officer, and abide by the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer, in consultation with the treatment provider, shall supervise participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.). You shall take all mental health medications that are prescribed by your treating physician. The court authorizes the release of the presentence report and available evaluations to the treatment provider, as approved by the probation officer. Justification: This condition will make the offender invest in their sobriety and rehabilitation.
17. You shall participate in a substance abuse or alcohol treatment program approved by the probation officer and abide by the rules and regulations of that program. The probation officer shall supervise your participation in the program (provider, location, modality, duration, intensity, etc.). The court authorizes the release of the presentence report and available evaluations to the treatment provider, as approved by the probation officer. Justification: This condition will aid in addressing the offenders history of substance abuse.
18. You shall not use or possess alcohol. Justification: This condition will aid in ensuring compliance with a drug-free lifestyle and the offenders rehabilitation.

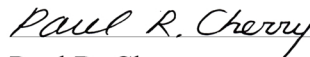
19. You shall submit to the search by the probation officer of your person, vehicle, office/business, residence, and property, including any computer systems and hardware or software systems, electronic devices, telephones, and Internet-enabled devices, including the data contained in any such items, whenever the probation officer has a reasonable suspicion that a violation of a condition of supervision or other unlawful conduct may have occurred or be underway involving you and that the area(s) to be searched may contain evidence of such violation or conduct. Other law enforcement may assist as necessary. You shall submit to the seizure of contraband found by the probation officer. You shall warn other occupants these locations may be subject to searches. Justification: This condition will assist the probation in monitoring the offender for protection of the community.

Defendant reviewed the foregoing conditions and they were reviewed by defendant with his attorney. Defendant, on the record, waived reading of the above-noted conditions of supervised release. In addition to the above-noted conditions, the defendant agreed to the following modification which was read into the record:

20. You shall reside in a residential reentry center for a term of 90 days. You shall abide by the rules and regulations of the facility.

The parties are hereby notified that the District Judge may reconsider any matter assigned to a Magistrate Judge. The parties waived the fourteen-day period to object to the Report and Recommendation.

Dated: 10/21/2020


Paul R. Cherry
United States Magistrate Judge
Southern District of Indiana

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